GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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BAN ON EXPORT OF CERTAIN ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there still exists a ban / heavy restrictions on export of certain commodities / items from India; (

(b) if so, the names of such commodities / items; (

(c) whether Indian trade has been affected adversely due to such imposition; and (

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this direction keeping in view the Indian trade situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : Under current Export and Import Policy, most of the commodities/items can be exported freely without restrictions. However, a few items are either subject to licensing requirements or quantitative ceilings or their export is allowed through certain designated State Trading Enterprises. Apart from above, a very few items like `all forms of wild animals including their parts and products, exotic birds, beef, human skeleton, tallow, fat or oil of animal origin, certain plants belonging to endangered species, sandalwood, wood and wood products` etc. are prohibited for export. The list of the items where restrictions apply is given in Schedule 2 of ITC(HS) Classification of Export & Import Items (incorporating amendments made upto 31st August, 1998) and as amended from time to time, the copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) & (d) : The review of export policy is an ongoing process and policy interventions are made as and when considered necessary with a view to making our exports increasingly viable and competitive in the international market.